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Serial No. (Not yet known) : Examiner:
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Filed: **February 19, 1998** :
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For: **WOUND TREATMENT EMPLOYING REDUCED** :
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Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend the specification of the above identified application as follows:

Before the Field of the Invention, insert the following:

--**Related Applications**

This application is a continuation of co-pending application serial number 09/026,353, entitled "Wound Treatment Employing Reduced Pressure," filed February 19, 1998, which is a continuation of application serial number 08/467,243, entitled "Wound Treatment Employing Reduced Pressure," filed on June 6, 1995, abandoned, which is a continuation of application serial number 08/028,677, entitled "Wound Treatment Employing Reduced Pressure," filed March 9, 1993, now U.S. Patent Number 5,636,643, issued June 10, 1997, which is a continuation-in-part of application serial number 07/792,001, entitled "Method of Treating Tissue Damage and Apparatus for Same," filed on November 14, 1991, now U.S. Patent Number 5,645,081, issued July 8, 1997, such applications being incorporated herein by reference.--

REMARKS

The application has been amended to contain a specific reference to earlier filed applications.

In the event that a fee is required and is not enclosed, or the check is improper, or the fee calculation is in error, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1406 of the undersigned attorneys. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY AND POWER TO INSPECT

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare:

that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

that I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the invention entitled: "WOUND TREATMENT EMPLOYING REDUCED PRESSURE"

the specification of which [check one(s) applicable]

X was filed March 9, 1993 as PCT International/U.S. Application No. 08/028,677
 and was amended by Amendment filed _____ (if applicable); [or];
 _____ is attached to this Declaration, Power of Attorney and Power to Inspect;

that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above; and

that I acknowledge my duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Rule 56(a) [37CFR§1.56(a)].

POWER OF ATTORNEY: As inventor, I hereby appoint DANN, DORFMAN, HERRELL AND SKILLMAN, P.C. of Philadelphia, PA, and the following individual(s) as my attorneys or agents with full power of substitution to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: Henry H. Skillman, Reg. No. 17,352 and Donald R. Piper, Jr., Reg. No. 29,337

POWER TO INSPECT: I hereby give DANN, DORFMAN, HERRELL AND SKILLMAN, P.C. of Philadelphia, PA or its duly accredited representatives power to inspect and obtain copies of the papers on file relating to this application.

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